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SUBJECT: PRESS SUMMARY - AUGUST 19

1. NYT (13) DAVID BINDER REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON THAT INTELLIGENCE REPORTS INDICATE THAT PERU PLANS TO BUY 36 LATE-MODEL SUKHOI-22 FIGHTER-BOMBERS FROM SOVIET UNION, ACCORDING TO U.S. OFFICIALS.
2. NYT (PAGE 38) REPORTS FROM MOSCOW LANDINGS ON THE MOON ARE THE FIRST SINCE 1974. ALSO WP, WSJ, SUN.
3. NYT (PAGE 46) REPORTS SOVIET DIVER MAY RETURN TO RUSSIA TODAY.
4. NYT (46) REPORTS NEW YORK PHILHARMONIC TO PERFORM IN THE SOVIET UNION ON AN OVERSEAS TOUR BEGINNING AUGUST 31.
5. NYT (60) AP FROM MOSCOW REPORTS PEPSICO AND THE SOVIET UNION SIGNED NEW CONTRACTS THAT WILL SPREAD THE SOFT DRINK TO THE SOVIET UNION'S LARGEST CITIES AND QUADRUPLE THE AMMOUNT OF PEPSI-COLA PRODUCED THERE. ALSO SUN, WSJ, STAR.

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6. WP (D-2) UPI FROM MOSCOW SAYS FOOD STORES TO CLOSE SUNDAYS IN MOSCOW WITH NO REASON GIVEN.

7. WP (D-7) UPI FROM BALTIMORE REPORTS MARITIME WORKERS AT THE PORT OF BALTIMORE SAY THE SOVIET UNION HAS FAILED TO BOOK AMERICAN SHIPS FOR TRANSPORTING GRAIN TO RUSSIA THIS MONTH.

8. STAR (4) AROUND WORLD ITEM FROM MOSCOW SAYS SOVIETS PICK UP MOON SOIL.

AUGUST 18

1. CSM (1) DAVID WILLIS REPORTS SOVIETS GET CLOSE LOOK AT THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION AS SOVIETS MAKE NO SECRET THAT THEY WANT PRESIDENT FORD TO BE NOMINATED.

2. CSM (3) PAUL WOHL FROM ST. PIERRE, REPORTS AS SOVIET FISHING EXPANDS IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC, THE SOVIETS ARE CULTIVATING RELATIONS WITH THE SMALL FRENCH ISLANDS, ST. PIERRE ET MIQUELON, OFF THE COAST OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

3. CSM (6) DAVID WILLIS SAYS MOSCOW IS (ALMOST) LIKE ANY AMERICAN BIG CITY.

4. CSM (OP-ED) ROSCOE DRUMMOND'S "THE VIEW FROM MOSCOW" SAYS FROM KANSAS CITY PRAVDA AND RADIO MOSCOW ARE SAYING PLENTY ABOUT THE AMERICAN ELECTION INCLUDING THE CONTENTION THAT "A VOTE FOR FORD IS A VOTE FOR DETENTE AND A FORD VICTORY IS A VICTORY FOR DETENTE." ROBINSON

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